



# SAINT RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

JUNE 27, 2021 | THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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#### WEEKEND MASS

Saturday | 7:00am, 4:30pm  
Sunday | 8:00am, 10:00am

#### WEEKDAY MASS

Mon.-Fri. | 7:00am

#### CONFESSION

Tues., Thu., Sat. | 15 minutes before  
7:00am Mass  
Saturday | 3:45pm-4:20pm  
Other | By Appointment

#### CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Mon.-Fri. | 8:00am-2:30pm  
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# READINGS FOR JUNE 27, 2021

## THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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### READING I

**WIS 1:13-15; 2:23-24**

God did not make death, nor does he rejoice in the destruction of the living. For he fashioned all things that they might have being; and the creatures of the world are wholesome, and there is not a destructive drug among them nor any domain of the netherworld on earth, for justice is undying.

For God formed man to be imperishable; the image of his own nature he made him. But by the envy of the devil, death entered the world, and they who belong to his company experience it.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**PS. 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13 R. (2a)**

**I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.**

I will extol you, O LORD, for you drew me clear and did not let my enemies rejoice over me. O LORD, you brought me up from the netherworld; you preserved me from among those going down into the pit.

**R. I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.**

Sing praise to the LORD, you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name. For his anger lasts but a moment; a lifetime, his good will. At nightfall, weeping enters in, but with the dawn, rejoicing.

**R. I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.**

Hear, O LORD, and have pity on me; O LORD, be my helper. You changed my mourning into dancing; O LORD, my God, forever will I give you thanks.

**R. I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.**

### READING II

**2 COR 8:7, 9, 13-15**

Brothers and sisters: As you excel in every respect, in faith, discourse, knowledge, all earnestness, and in the love we have for you, may you excel in this gracious act also.

For you know the gracious act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. Not that others should have relief while you are burdened, but that as a matter of equality your abundance at the present time should supply their needs, so that their abundance may also supply your needs, that there may be equality. As it is written: Whoever had much did not have more, and whoever had little did not have less.

### GOSPEL

**MK 4:35-41**

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered around him, and he stayed close to the sea. One of the synagogue officials, named Jairus, came forward. Seeing him he fell at his feet and pleaded earnestly with him, saying, "My daughter is at the point of death. Please, come lay your hands on her that she may get well and live." He went off with him, and a large crowd followed him and pressed upon him.

There was a woman afflicted with hemorrhages for twelve years. She had suffered greatly at the hands of many doctors and had spent all that she had. Yet she was not helped but only grew worse. She had heard about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak. She said, "If I but touch his clothes, I shall be cured." Immediately her flow of blood dried up. She felt in her body that she was healed of her affliction. Jesus, aware at once that power had gone out from him, turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who has touched my clothes?" But his disciples said to Jesus, "You see how the crowd is pressing upon you, and yet you ask, 'Who touched me?'" And he looked around to see who had done it. The woman, realizing what had happened to her, approached in fear and trembling. She fell down before Jesus and told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has saved you. (Continued on page 4.)



### **Sunday, June 27**

8:00am Jack and Jane Follen

10:00am People of the Parish

### **Monday, June 28**

7:00am Anna Maria Usselman, SI

### **Tuesday, June 29**

7:00am Cecilia Liddy

### **Wednesday, June 30**

7:00am Joan Hulford

### **Thursday, July 1**

7:00am Pauline Zagroba

### **Friday, July 2**

7:00am James Curran

### **Saturday, July 3**

7:00am Hutton Family

4:30pm People of the Parish

### **Sunday, July 4**

8:00am Ronald Rebores, Sr.

10:00am Cross and Earnhardt, SI

*"...as a matter of equality your abundance at the present time should supply their want, so that their abundance may supply your want, that there may be equality." - 2 CORINTHIANS 8:14*

One of the tenets of living a grateful and generous lifestyle is giving without expecting anything in return. It is important that we not only grow, nurture, and share our gifts, but that we also teach our children and encourage others to do same. This is the communal aspect of our Catholic faith. We are the "Body of Christ." We are called to be dependent on each other and not live in isolation.

## **Your Contributions to God and Parish**

<b>June 20, 2021</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
(Envelopes Used)		
<b>Regular Env. (35)</b>	\$ 2,378.00	\$ 221,901.00
<b>Loose Money</b>	\$ 147.00	\$ 49,878.00
<b>School Support</b>	\$ 140.00	\$ 8,924.00
<b>Building Fund</b>	\$ 10.00	\$ 11,688.00
<b>Holy Days</b>	\$ 0.00	\$ 8,034.00
<b>Online Giving (57)</b>	\$ 2,955.00	\$ 137,286.00
<b>Peter's Pence</b>	(\$ 20.00)	
<b>Catholic Home Missions</b>	(\$ 30.00)	
<b>Grand Total</b>	\$ 5,680.00	
<b>Total for Parish</b>	\$ 5,630.00	\$ 443,850.00
<b>Amount Needed</b>	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 459,000.00
<b>Difference</b>	<u>(\$ 3,370.00)</u>	<u>(\$ 15,150.00)</u>
<b>FYE 2020</b>		(\$ 37,795.00)

### **From St. Vincent de Paul Society**

In today's Gospel, we see how, in faith, Jarius asked Jesus to heal his daughter and how Jesus then answered his prayer. In prayer we also come to know that we are loved by God, and in that trust we ask for healing for ourselves, our loved ones, and all those who are suffering. This week, please join with the Society in praying for the healing of all those who are ill and especially those who have no one to pray for them.



## Gospel (continued)

Go in peace and be cured of your affliction.”

While he was still speaking, people from the synagogue official’s house arrived and said, “Your daughter has died; why trouble the teacher any longer”? Disregarding the message that was reported, Jesus said to the synagogue official, “Do not be afraid; just have faith.” He did not allow anyone to accompany him inside except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they arrived at the house of the synagogue official, he caught sight of a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. So he went in and said to them, “Why this commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but asleep.” And they ridiculed him. Then he put them all out. He took along the child’s father and mother and those who were with him and entered the room where the child was. He took the child by the hand and said to her, “Talitha koum,” which means, “Little girl, I say to you, arise”! The girl, a child of twelve, arose immediately and walked around. At that they were utterly astounded. He gave strict orders that no one should know this and said that she should be given something to eat.



*The Raising of Jairus' Daughter* by Edwin Longsden Long

## FR. JOHN'S DIGITAL QUILL FOR SPIRITUAL MUSINGS AND PARISH NEWS

### Thoughts on a Controversy

At the end of last week, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) was once again thrust into the headlines of many news outlets. This time, it was for a controversy between bishops.

After the pandemic, the USCCB has been discussing ways to encourage people to return to attending Mass in person. Among these efforts was a document from the bishops, highlighting the Eucharist and the beauty of the Eucharist.

As debate on the draft began, a group of bishops proposed the document also speak on worthily receiving Holy Communion, including politicians who hold Pro-Choice views.

This ignited a controversy between the bishops and the press about challenging certain politicians, especially, President Joseph Biden. To teach definitively that a Pro-Choice politician can or cannot receive the Eucharist would be seen as either weaponizing the Eucharist for political ends or watering down Church teaching, depending on how the content of the document.

What I found particularly sad about the controversy in many articles was the immediate assigning of political positions to bishops and their followers. A bishop who held to withholding Holy Communion in this situation would be described as a Republican or a conservative. A bishop who did not want to include such a teaching was called a Democrat or a more liberal bishop.

Such labels involving the Church just make her a political institution, no different from other political entities in the world.

When we look at the saints, we do not see liberal saints or conservative saints. We see saints.

Most of us remember St. Theresa of Calcutta. She served the poorest of the poor throughout the world. Yet she also spoke boldly for the cause of life.

Also, most of us saw Pope Saint John Paul II. He spoke up for oppressed people throughout the world, calling for more to be done for them. At the same time, he helped to maintain traditional Church teachings in many areas of faith and morals.

Saints are signs of contradiction like the heart of the true sign of contradiction, Jesus Christ. They are people, regardless of their political stances, that we stand up for and applaud because their efforts are just and good and challenge everyone to be better.

This is why people come to the Church. They do not come to hear about political parties and positions. They come to become better persons and ultimately saints themselves.

We need to remember this as we think and speak about the Church. If you see the Church solely as an extension of your personal political views, I strongly encourage you to take such a view to prayer. Jesus tells us that Heaven and Earth will pass away, but His word will never pass away (cf. Mt. 24:35).

What is important to notice in this controversy is the politicization and polarization of our Church. May we all, laity and clergy, work to dispel such a narrative by concentrating more on sanctity of life through prayer and moral, charitable living.

### The Source and Summit of Our Unity As A Community

This controversy regarding the reception of the Eucharist and the need to work to be more united highlights the topic of this week's encouragement to return to celebrating Mass in Church as a community of faith.

We know St. Raphael the Archangel is a special community. In just a few weeks, we will get to experience the awesome community we have with our picnic: our first major live event since the pandemic began.

What makes our community so special? What event keeps this special feeling going? What keeps things running as well as they do here?

We could point to many different factors that make our community special, including the spirit at our events and the commitment to participation in our community life. These, among other factors, are certainly true and I am the first one to be grateful for everyone in our community who makes our common life what it is.

But as a priest, I would be remiss in not pointing out the role the celebration of Mass has in our community. Indeed, the most important event here that (Continued on page 7.)

# DAILY READINGS

Sunday	Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13 [2a]/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43
Monday	Gn 18:16-33/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 8-9, 10-11 [8a]/Mt 8:18-22
Tuesday	<i>Vigil:</i> Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19 <i>Day:</i> Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [5]/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19
Wednesday	Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-
Thursday	Gn 22:1b-19/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Mt 9:1-8
Friday	Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5 [1b]/Mt 9:9-13
Saturday	Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 20:24-29
Next Sunday	Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 [2cd]/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a



By purchasing gift cards through this program, a percentage of the sale goes back to the school. The next order is due Friday, July 2, and should be turned in to the parish office. You can pick up the cards at the parish office on Friday, July 9, between the hours of 7:30am and 11:30am. Orders are placed monthly during the year. Turn in order forms and checks (made out to SRA HSA) to the school office. For a list of retailers, the web site is [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com).

## JUNE YOUTH CLUB RAFFLE WINNERS

1st Place \$100	Gary Bess
2nd Place \$50	Dolores Dunsford
3rd Place \$50	Lois McBryan

## Prayer Network

Our prayer network continues its quiet work of praying for our parishioners who are ill, recovering from illness, and for special intentions as well. We also invite you to remember these petitions daily in your prayers. If you are interested in having an intention added to the prayer chain or to receive the list of intentions, please contact the parish office.

## Our Parish Mission Statement

We, the parish of Saint Raphael the Archangel, celebrate Jesus as the center of our life. Through our active participation in the Eucharist, we strive to recognize Jesus in our daily lives and the lives of others. Our commitment is to grow as a parish family, and live this through our religious, educational, social, and civic involvements, witnessing to all, our faith in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

## Spiritual Communion of St. Alphonsus

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart, as though You have already come. I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



builds our community is the Eucharist.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* in #1324 states that the Eucharist is the Source and Summit of the Church's life. What does this mean?

Why we do what we do as a community is because Jesus calls us to do it in the Eucharist. Jesus at Mass brings us together as a community, feeds us with His Word and Body and Blood, and sends us forth to enjoy the life He has given to us. This source of our life is also the most important event in the life of our parish. There is no other event that has or will ever take place on our campus greater than the celebration of Holy Mass.

After the pandemic, we want to see life return to normal. To make up for lost time, we would probably appreciate life being a little better than before the pandemic. If this is our desire, the key ingredient to this better, stronger community must be the emphasis on the importance of the Eucharist in the life of the community. Jesus will work with us in building the strong community life we desire to see here.

As we look forward to life getting back to normal in these next months, is a greater importance in attending Mass part of those plans? I encourage you to consider this question this week as we prepare for the Mass mandate to be reintroduced next weekend.

### Returning To Mass Videos

Over the next few weeks on our YouTube channel and on Facebook, you will begin to see videos posted from parish families talking about their experiences beginning with the lockdowns, to watching Mass online, and to coming back to Mass in person. They will talk about what they experienced at these various stages and what they found by coming back to Mass. I encourage you to take some time and view these videos, especially if you are struggling with the question of returning to Mass.

### Donut Sunday

Strengthening our community begins at Mass, but it continues in the various activities our parish hosts.

On July 11, we will have our first Donut Sunday in many, months. Come by the cafeteria to have a great

treat and greet some friends you may not have seen in a while.

### Amazon Smile

Thank you to all of those who helped support our community with Amazon Smile during the recent Amazon Prime Day!

Last quarter, our parish received \$150.91 from Amazon in donations from Amazon Smile. Thank you for your participation in this program!

### On the Road Again

I will be away from the parish from midday Monday until Wednesday afternoon. Archbishop Rozanski invited me to participate in the School Pastoral Institute presented by the University of Notre Dame at Mundelein Seminary in Chicago. During this time, I will be fully accessible by phone and by e-mail. I would like to thank Monsignor Stehly for taking extra Masses and our staff for doing all the extra things while I am gone.

**Please do not forget our parking lot Mass next weekend on July 4 at 5:00pm!**

I will see you online or in Church! - Fr. John #SRAstrong

### Weekly Devotion for the Year of St. Joseph

Joseph most just, pray for us.

Joseph most chaste, pray for us.

Joseph most prudent, pray for us.

Joseph most strong, pray for us.

Joseph most obedient, pray for us.



### For Sale



We have approximately 35 beige, metal chairs for sale for \$2.00 each. They are located in the lower level of the parish office. They are being sold on a first come, first sold basis. If you are interested, please contact the parish office.

### Most Holy Trinity Parish Information

Before the pandemic, we were developing a relationship with Most Holy Trinity Parish in North City. Father John recently met with Sr. Gail who shared some opportunities for us to reconnect with Most Holy Trinity Parish in the coming weeks. Please consider joining in one of these activities!



#### Retreat Sunday on June 27, 2021

Mass at 9:30am followed by lunch, a talk, and service to the neighborhood. Father Tom Donaldson will be retreat guide for the day.

Please RSVP for Retreat Sunday so lunch preparations can be made. Please call 314.241.9165 to register and for more information.

### Independence Day Holiday

Please note the parish office will be closed next Monday, July 5, in observance of the Independence Day Holiday.

Our scouts and leaders have completed their 12-day, 50+ mile trek through Philmont Scout Ranch. We are quite proud of these boys and thank everyone who prayed for their safety.



### Annual Catholic Appeal

The parish Annual Catholic Appeal is slowly coming to a close. There is still time to make a contribution. Send your pledge card or check to the parish office and we will fill out your card. The parish is on track to meet its Diocesan goal. Many have generously raised the amount of their contribution, and this has made a tremendous difference for the parish. Our final figures will not be available for a few weeks.

Thanks to all who have so generously contributed!

The ACA Committee

### A Prayer Before Holy Mass

Heavenly Father: I, your unworthy servant, come to worship You in this Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. By Your grace, kindly help me to listen attentively, pray devoutly, and receive worthily the Sacred Body and Blood of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. May Your Holy Spirit open the eyes of my heart to perceive more fully the great Mystery that takes place on the sacred altar. At this Holy Mass, I wish to pray in particular for the following intentions: *(here name them)*. Amen.





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## St. Raphael the Archangel Stewardship Corner

### SRA Grief Committee

By: Pat Hanneke

The Grief Committee is a very small, low key but impactful committee within our parish. When a parishioner, or a close relation to a parishioner, passes away, a set of short books is distributed to grieving family members at four crucial times during the first year after their loss (1,3,6, and 11 months) . At the beginning of each month when I mail the booklets, I lift these families and loved ones up in thankful prayers to God for his love, mercy, and compassion.

I am very grateful for this Stewardship opportunity within our parish to reach out to those who have lost a loved one. It is so important for our parishioners to know SRA is there for support, during life and in death. Many parishioners have remarked that these booklets have been very helpful to them as they work through the grieving process, no matter how long it may take.

I've truly enjoyed being this committee of 1 for many years; however, I invite another parishioner to lead this ministry. The time given to this committee's work is minimal, maybe 2 hours per month. I am grateful that I get to work closely with the rectory staff. The distribution task is simple, provided that you are organized and know how to make mailing labels! The books are prepared to be distributed at the required months. Then it is a matter of follow-up each month to mail the booklets per the schedule.

Another part of this ministry is the preparation of memorial candles for the All Souls Mass each October. This work is another Stewardship opportunity to touch the families by providing these candles for their homes as a remembrance of their loved one. It is with joy that I prepare the crosses and bows and with great care that I place them on the candles as I say a Hail Mary for each of the deceased.

I feel this committee is truly representative of the SRA Stewardship slogan, "A stronger parish family by sharing our time and talent," by supporting those who have lost a loved one during their grief and by remembering them through the celebration of Mass.

Would you like to get more involved in our parish community? Please visit [straphaelarchangel.org](http://straphaelarchangel.org) or contact the parish office for more information on a ministry or committee you can join.



### Welcome to the St. Raphael Parish Family!

If you are new to our community, we extend to you a heartfelt welcome. Please fill out this form and place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the parish office. You can also call us at 314.352.8100.

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**Please check the appropriate item(s):**

☐ **New Parishioner**

☐ **Please Contact Me**

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